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should have given recognition to the  
valor and fortitude of American  
soldiers engaged in battle  
on foreign soil

# Mute Forebears



We walk the fields that they have freed of stone,  
We rest beneath their roofs at close of day;  
The fields and timber speak—but these alone—  
Our fathers left no word, and went their way.  
We have searched an attic, but in vain,  
To find a little diary, a note,  
Addressed “To Those Who Come” which might have lain  
Covered with dust for years. But no one wrote.  
And what it was that they were living by  
They did not find it urgent to record,  
Since values can be written in an eye,  
And children would survive their final word.  
Link holds to link; and, possibly, we go  
More in their faded footprints than we know.

—*Margery Mansfield*

In our desire to compile an historical story of the town of Monterey, rather than deal in folklore, we made reference to the following:

History of Berkshire County	1885
Tyringham Old and New	1905
Histore of Berkshire	1829
Monterey Town Records	
Berkshire Jubilee, Pittsfield	1844

We are also indebted to Andrew Hall, Jean Miller, Julius Miner, Edith Wilson, Raymond Ensign, Margery Mansfield and George Gibson, for their invaluable help.

## Dedicated

*to the memory of those brave men and women who  
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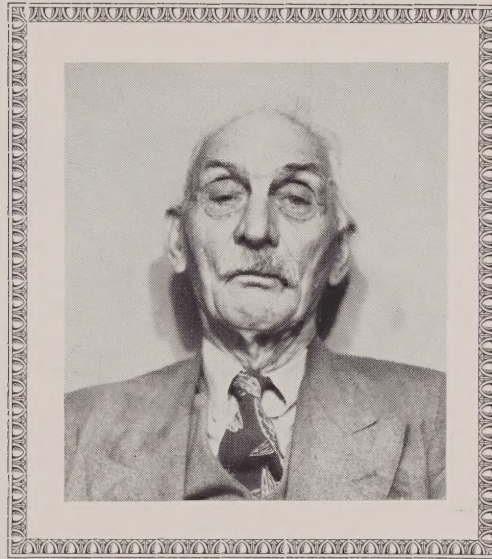
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Luke M. Hall was his great grandfather, and the sister of this same great grandfather became the wife of Captain John Brewer, thus making Mr. Hall the great grand nephew of one of our most famous New England pioneers.



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## Articles of Incorporation of the Town of Monterey

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the year ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND FORTY-SEVEN

AN Act to incorporate the Town of Monterey

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. All that part of the town of Tyringham in the County of Berkshire, which lies southerly of a line called the north squadron line of the house lots commencing in the east line of said Tyringham, and at the northeast corner of house lot number eighty-five, and the southeast corner of lot number two, thence running west forty degrees north to the line of Great Barrington at the northwest corner of lot number two hundred and thirty-two, and the southwest corner of lot number two hundred and thirty-nine, is hereby incorporated into a separate town by the name of Monterey, and the said Monterey is hereby vested with all the power, privileges, rights, and immunities, and shall be subject to all the duties and requisitions to which other towns are entitled and subjected by the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. The inhabitants of Monterey shall be holden to pay to the Collector of the Town of Tyringham all arrears of taxes legally assessed on them in said Town of Tyringham, before the passage of this Act, and shall also be holden to pay their portion of State and County taxes, that may be assessed on them previously to the taking of the next State valuation, said proportion to be ascertained and determined by the town valuation of the Town of Tyringham, next preceding the passage of this Act, and the said Town of Monterey shall be holden to pay their proportion of the debts, due and owing from the Town of Tyringham, at the time of the passage of this Act, and shall be entitled to receive their proportion of all corporate property, and all assets now owned by the last named town, and the Town of Monterey shall be entitled to receive its share of the school fund belonging to the Town of Tyringham together with its share of the surplus revenues accruing to the valuation of the town next preceding this Act, providing that said Monterey shall refund said surplus revenue whenever called for by the government of the United States. The ancient records and books of the Town of Tyringham shall be kept in that part of the town in which the first settlement began, except the reports which shall be divided equally between the said towns.

Section 3. Said towns of Tyringham and Monterey shall be respectively liable for the support of all persons who now do, or shall hereafter stand in need of relief as paupers whose settlement was gained by or derived from a settlement gained by or derived from a settlement gained, or derived within their respective limits.

Section 4. Said Town of Monterey shall continue to be a part of the Town of Tyringham for the purpose of electing a representative to the General Court, State Officers, Senators, Representative to Congress, and Electors of President, and Vice President of the United States, until the next decennial census shall be taken in pursuance of the Thirteenth Article of Amendment of the Constitution, and all meetings for the choice of Representative, and other offices aforesaid, shall be called by the Selectmen of Tyringham and be holden in the Town of Tyringham, and the Selectmen of Monterey, shall make a true list of persons qualified to vote at every such election and deliver the same to the Selectmen of Tyringham seven days at least before any such election, by whom the same shall be taken and used in the same manner as if it had been prepared by themselves.

Section 5. In case said towns shall not agree in respect to a division of town profits, town property or town debts, or State or County taxes, the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Berkshire, is hereby authorized to, and shall upon petition of either town, appoint three competent and disinterested persons to hear the parties and award thereon, and any award made by said three persons, or any two of them and accepted by the said court shall be final.

Section 6. Any Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Berkshire is hereby authorized to issue his warrant, directed to any principal inhabitant of said Town of Monterey, requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants thereof, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place therein appointed, for the purpose of choosing all such town officers, as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meetings.

Section 7. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

House of Representatives April 10th, 1847

Passed to be enacted, Ebe. Bradbury, Speaker

In Senate April 12th, 1847

Passed to be enacted, W. B. Calhoun, President

April 12th, 1847

Approved

George N. Briggs



# The First Warrant Posted In Monterey - - May 1, 1847

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Berkshire S.S.

To Lucius Gibbs, of Monterey in Berkshire County.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the Town of Monterey, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse in town on Monday the tenth day of May next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, to act on the following articles viz. Article 1st. To choose a clerk for said town.

Article 2nd. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

And you are to complete and make up the services of this Warrant, by giving each individual notice seven days at least before Town Meeting, and make due returns of your doings hereon to the subscriber at or before said tenth day of May.

Given under my hand and seal at Monterey this twenty-sixth day of April A. D. 1847.

Milton Judd, Justice of the Peace

Berkshire, S.S.

Monterey, May 1st, 1847

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the male inhabitants, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at time and place, and for the several purposes as within directed.

Lucius Gibbs

## First Town Meeting Held May 10, 1847

Milton Judd, Presiding

Clerk, L. J. Townsend

Moderator and Town Clerk, Amos Langdon (for the meeting)

1st Selectman, Amos Langdon

2nd Selectman, John D. Bidwell

3rd Selectman, Albert G. Freeman

For Collector of Taxes. This office was allotted to the lowest bidder. The office went to John H. Langdon for nineteen dollars, and the bid also included the duties of Constable.

### Highway Surveyors

Dist. 1 A. H. Turner  
Dist. 2 Milton Judd  
Dist. 3 Paul Chapin  
Dist. 4 Artemus Dowd  
Dist. 5 Eggburt F. Bill  
Dist. 7 Lyman Thomson  
Dist. 8 Anson Langdon  
Dist. 9 Silas Heath

### School Committee

Augustus Tailor  
F. D. Ingersoll  
E. B. Garfield  
Thomas Miner, Jr.  
Roswell Bill, Jr.  
Joseph Dowd  
Chancey Langdon  
Frederick M. Miller

### Assessors

First Lyman Thomson  
Second Gordon B. Langdon  
Third Elias Wright

### School Committee

First A. H. Turner  
Second J. M. Reivey  
Third L. J. Townsend

### Treasurer

Albert Fuller

On May 19th the town meeting was continued and money was raised at this meeting. Among other interesting notes will be found the following "Voted to raise \$400.00 for to repair highways, town ways and bridges, and in expending the same in labor, a man shall be allowed ten cents an hour, and a team with cart, plough or scraper, twelve and a half cents an hour.

On May 1st, 1847 a census was taken and showed a population of seven hundred forty-four.



# Monterey Town Officers, 1947

## *Moderator*

GEORGE A. TUTTLE

## *Town Clerk*

W. RAYMOND WARD

## *Selectmen*

HARRY S. D. FERGUSON

W. RAYMOND WARD

ELERY G. HEATH

## *Assessors*

WILLIAM T. McMANUS

SHELDON FENN

NEWMAN B. ABERCROMBIE

## *School Committee*

RICHARD S. BIDWELL

RAYMOND P. ENSIGN

FRANCES L. BRETT

## *Constable and Tax Collector*

JARED B. THOMSON

## *Town Treasurer*

LESTER S. MINER

## *Town Auditor*

JOHN J. WEISS

## *Town Agent*

LESTER S. MINER

## *Tree Warden*

HAROLD GREENE

## *Library Trustees*

ISABELLE WEISS

BEATRICE PHILLIPS

NEWMAN B. ABERCROMBIE

JULIUS MINER

DELLA TRYON

RICHARD S. BIDWELL

## *Cemetery Committee*

RUFUS C. BRETT

LESTER S. MINER

WILLIAM BRETT

# 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

MONTEREY, MASSACHUSETTS

July 4, 1947



## PROGRAM

11.00 A. M.

A colorful parade of soldiers, veterans, firemen, policemen, decorated floats depicting various phases of the past hundred years, old time oxen drawn carts, surreys, sleighs, Murphy and Pioneer wagons, prairie schooners, cowboys, with a touch of the Old West in their gay costumes, and a show of modernity with its high class saddle horses. Also decorated bicycles.

1.30 P. M.

Roast Turkey Dinner (Served out of doors at the Library Building.) (Lobster substituted for those to whom Friday is a Fast Day.)

Pony Express Riders' demonstration, featuring the famous Rodeo performer, Clyde Jones, and several others.

Speakers:

Brig. General Wm. H. Middleswart, Assistant Quartermaster General of the United States Army, and Chief of the Military Planning Division.

Sen. Ralph Lerche, Member of Massachusetts Senate.

Rep. Edward C. Ashworth, Member of Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Band Concert

American Legion Band conducted by Joseph Sullivan.

Award of prizes for the best and most unique floats in the parade.

Antique exhibit at school and library.

7.00 P. M.

Softball Game, New Marlboro Sportsmen vs. Jayson Camps Counselors.  
To be played on the Ball Field at Jayson's Camps.

9.00 P. M.

Display of aerial fireworks on the Golf Course.

10.00 P. M.

Block Party at the town center, with Pop Smith's Orchestra.



# 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

MONTEREY, MASSACHUSETTS

July 5, 1947



## PROGRAM

Prizes for the Winners

2.00 P. M.

Potato Race for Girls

Potato Race for Boys

Potato Race for the Winners (boy and girl)

Three-Legged Race

Sack Races

Horseshoe Pitching Contests

Horse Drawing Contests

Wood Chopping Contests

Bicycle Races (Obstacle, etc.)

American Legion Band



July 6, 1947



## PROGRAM

10.30 A. M. at the Congregational Church

Old Home Coming Service. Dr. Tertius Van Dyke, Dean of Hartford Theological Seminary, and Dr. George Mahlon Miller, conducting the services. A luncheon will be served, in the church social rooms.

1.30 P. M.

Special historical program, with Dr. Miller assisted by Mr. Julius Miner.

7.00 P. M.

Old Fashioned Community Sing from the Church Steps. Everybody cordially invited.

The Congregational Church of Monterey, Massachusetts. Founded 1750.

Dr. George Mahlon Miller, Pastor

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# M O N T E R E Y

In 1735, the country between Westfield and Sheffield was a wild, beautiful, and unbroken wilderness. The Provincial Legislature, meeting in Boston at that time, decreed that it should be divided into four townships, which in their prosaic, practical, planning were given mere numbers, Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4. It remained for a homesick young man, the Lord Viscount Howe, traveling to war over the rough new road through the Hoosacs from Boston to Albany, to give No. 1 a name. He called it "Tyringham" for a section of England which he loved and was never to see again, since he fell, short weeks later, in a battle with the French at Ticonderoga.

Not until 1739 did the first permanent settlers come, when Lieutenant Isaac Garfield, Thomas Slaton, and John Chadwick brought their families, their cattle, and their household goods, such as they could carry by wagon, to the south portion of Tyringham. In August of that same year, Captain John Brewer moved into the vicinity of Twelve-mile Pond, and to fulfill the terms of the agreement by which he had received his grants, built a sawmill to be followed, shortly afterward, by a grist mill.

In return for the mill lot of seventy acres and Six Hundred Pounds in bills of public credit, Capt. John Brewer made the following agreement:

"To build a good saw mill in said lot, and complete the same in the space of six months, and be obliged and his heirs or assignees to keep the same in good repair all times for the space of twenty-five years next ensuing and attend the same and saw for the Proprietors, when they shall have the occasion, at reasonable rates, and as cheap as the neighboring mills do saw, and also to build a good grist mill on the said lot and finish it within the space of two and a half years next ensuing, and his heirs and assignees to keep the same in repair for the service of the inhabitants for the space of twenty years next ensuing."

Many of the inhabitants of both Tyringham and Monterey are descended from Capt. John Brewer. This is easy to believe, as he was the father of thirteen children, as was also his youngest son, Col. Joshua Brewer. The size of the families in those days was rather astonishing. Col. Giles Jackson, who was a prominent man in the town during the Revolution, was the happy father of an even two dozen children. It was



Panelling in house built for the first preacher, Rev. Adonijah Bidwell

## Monterey---Continued

this same Giles Jackson who was credited with drawing up the Letters of Capitulation of Gen. Burgoyne and embossing same. Only recently was this proved, and then through the efforts of getting a copy of Giles Jackson's handwriting. This was obtained through Julius Miner who had in his possession a document so signed. This document was drawn up and signed by 38 citizens who swore never to take up arms by land or sea against the United American Colonies, and to, on the other hand, defend and protect by arms any hostile attempt of the fleets or armies in the service of Great Britain. Among other signers of this important document are John Chadwick, Daniel Markham, David Orton, Stephen Taylor, Eben. Chadwick Isaac Garfield, Amos Northrup, John Hale, Samuel Graves, Wm. Morgan, David Brewer, and Nathan Hale.

In common with the other communities of the Housatonic Valley, the early settlers of South Tyringham followed a pattern of clearing the higher fields and elevated sites, first. The valley bottoms, fertile as they proved later to be, were, in the beginning, overgrown with such thickets and swamps as to make even these hardworking and indomitable men take pause. For that reason, the original site of Monterey—known as the “Old Center” was on the elevation of hills to the north of the present town.

Other families came trickling in slowly over the rutted, tree-bound Post Road. But for several years, there was an air of uncertainty, a feeling of impermanence about South Tyringham. The meeting house, for which the settlers had been taxed, was only partially built. This section of the Berkshires was border country between the greater civilization to the East, and the dark, bloody, and fearful events of the French War which were taking place to the north and west. Trappers, rangers, friendly Indians, brought fearsome reports to the new little towns, and two of the houses built then were virtual fortifications.



The “Burgoyne House”  
(Burned down a few years ago.)

Then, in 1759, Quebec fell to the British, and men could breathe more easily. Law and order, they felt, would be moving into the land. The meeting house was finished, and was used as a place of worship for thirty-five years, under the pastorate of the Reverend Adonijah Bidwell, who was a graduate of Yale 1740 and in 1745 chaplain under Sir William Pepperell in his attack on Cape Breton. On September 25th, 1750



Lake Garfield from the East

the church was organized and one week later the Rev. Adonijah Bidwell was ordained and became the pastor.

The descendants of the Rev. Bidwell are widely scattered but one branch of the family still is represented in Monterey. Those of the family born here were Dr. Edwin C. Bidwell, O. B. Bidwell, Dr. John Welsh Bidwell, also the Rev. Josiah Brewer, who became the first missionary to Asiatic Turkey. M. S. Bidwell spent most of his life in Monterey and represented his district in the State Legislature.

A community began to flourish and family names appeared, which were to be associated with the town for generations to come. More and more land was reclaimed from the wilderness, some of the settlers extending their holding south toward the Konkapot, others, exploring over the mountain, some of them to move into the valley and call their little settlement Hop Brook.

The first officers of the Town were Captain John Chadwick, Isaac Garfield and Eathan Lewis, Selectmen. Benjamin Warren was Town Clerk and Capt. John Chadwick, Treasurer.

The first School house was built in 1766, a twenty foot square building “on ye northerly end of house lot number 43”.

In 1739 a tax was levied to erect a “meeting house”. This was started and a frame thirty-five by forty feet erected, but it was years before it was completed. It was said that due to the threat of an Indian War the work was abandoned and not finished until about 1761.



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## Monterey---Continued

By the time the Revolution came, the sons of the first settlers were themselves the heads of families. The Boston-Albany road had been well-traveled in the intervening years and was now known as "The Great Road". Those men who stayed to till their fields, could watch General Amherst with his troops and stores go by to get the old fox, Burgoyne, where he was holed up at Fort Ticonderoga.

But there were not many men able to carry a long rifle left behind. Most of them had joined up with Colonel Fellowes' Berkshire Regiment and had marched off to Bunker Hill, where Samuel Brewer so distinguished himself as to be promoted from adjutant to colonel. Only women and old men were left to cheer as the sullen remnants of Burgoyne's army were led past as prisoners. To the hard-pressed Continentals, rushing the captured cannon of the British over the mountains to General Washington, they served precious tea spiked with rum, and venison pies.

Even into this day of swift transportation and short distances, Monterey has a look of seclusion, of having retreated to the hills with its back turned to the world. But the look is deceptive. From the time it was Lot No. 1, through to its present appellation, the community has had a full share of one of the best of New England virtues—an intelligent and energetic interest in the affairs of the nation. The very name of the town, is today witness to the fact.



The Village of Monterey in Winter

After the Revolution, there came a long period of growth and comparative prosperity.

In 1780 Moses Fargo settled on Chestnut Hill. Some of his descendents are still in Monterey.

In the late part of the eighteenth century Isaac Harmon settled on Mt. Hunger and later moved to the present home the Harmons now occupy.

In 1814 Thomas Miner came to this town, and later purchased the farm on which the John Chadwick house stood. In Revolutionary times this was a tavern. Bricks in the chimney were dated 1760 and it was said that General Burgoyne stayed here, while his soldiers were camped on the road just north of the house.

The first rough cabins were replaced by some fine houses of the country type. A new church was dedicated on July 4, 1798. By this time, a lively little settlement had grown up in the valley, known as Bangall, and most of the industries of the community were there. Josiah Brewer, descendant of the pioneer Captain John, was one of the first to recognize that eventually this would be the site of the town.

At this time, he offered to donate two acres of land, plus land for an adjoining cemetery, if the congregation would move the church down into the valley. But the majority of his fellow-parishioners were not so far-sighted as he was, and they liked the church where it was. By this time, also, a whole new group of families, for one dissatisfaction or another, had removed themselves over the mountain to Hop Brook, cutting themselves off from South Tyringham by building their own church which was completed in 1825.

Inevitably, Josiah Brewer's plan was adopted. By now, the shift in population had been so great that no other course was possible. In 1846, the South Tyringham Meeting Society was formed, and a building com-



The body of Deacon John Jackson lies in the oldest burying ground



## Monterey---Continued

mittee was appointed. The soul of the community was now being moved away from the Old Center. With it, moved the town.

The soil of Monterey especially on the higher grounds was best for grazing and in the most part was used for that purpose, while the lower sections were

of charcoal was also a large industry. Cheese and butter were made in large quantities and shipped to the larger cities.

About the time the town was organized the Rev. Joseph Warren was pastor of the church and it was during his pastorate that a Sabbath School was started.



The Congregational Church—Built in 1848

used for farms. In 1855 J. G. Holland said "No other town receives a greater number of premiums for agricultural productions at the annual fair than the town of Monterey". There was also considerable manufacturing which has since gone by the way. Several mills were in active operation: a paper mill built and operated profitably by R. L. McDowell & Co., afterward owned by W. C. Langdon; a cotton factory built by Gibbs & Ingersol, and later used as a rake factory and operated by M. S. Bidwell, Daniel McCollom, and Heath Brothers, successive owners. There were also two extensive rat trap factories, and for several years the manufacture of ladies' horn combs was a prominent industry, giving employment to all members of a good many families. The manufacturing

The first superintendent was Stephen Fairbanks followed by Stephen Bently, Paul Chapin, Daniel McCollom, Elias Wright, Johnathan Townsend, Marshall S. Bidwell, James Dowd, Martin V. Thomson, Rev. A. E. Todd and Rufus Barnum. This brings us to the year 1883 and at that time the average attendance was over a hundred.

Echoes from a more troubled world without began to stir ripples in the lives of the people along the Konkapot. The church adopted a resolution "we hold slavery to be such a continued, systemized, and flag-



The Garfield House as it was in 1912

Remodeled and now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lee Darling. Built in 1739 around a central chimney. This is probably the oldest house in Monterey.



A view of the Konkapot River

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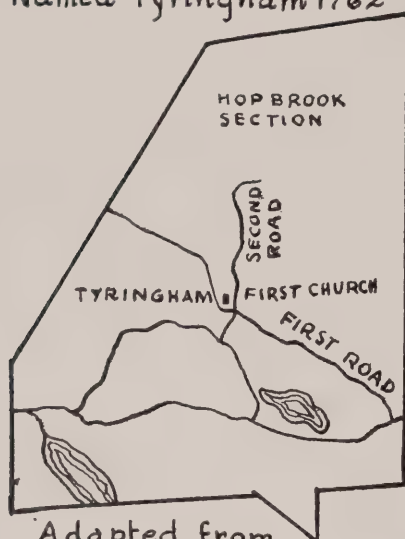
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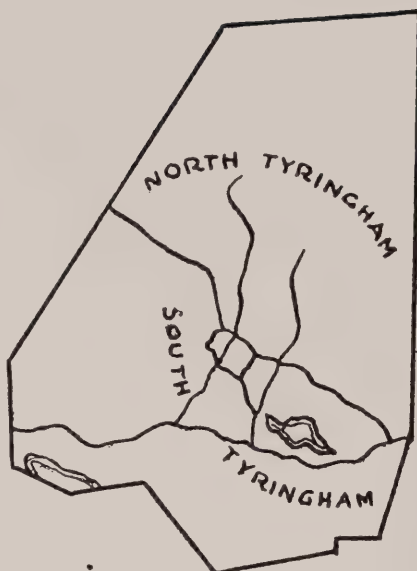
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District No.1 Granted 1735  
 First Settlers 1739  
 Named Tyringham 1762

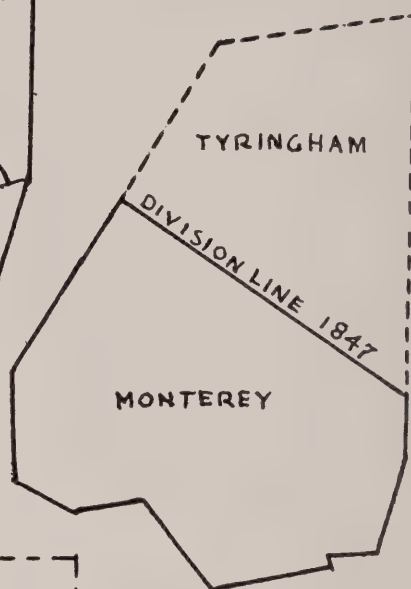


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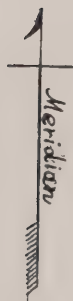


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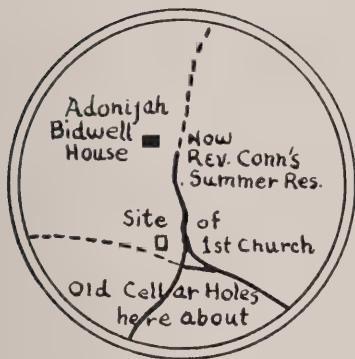
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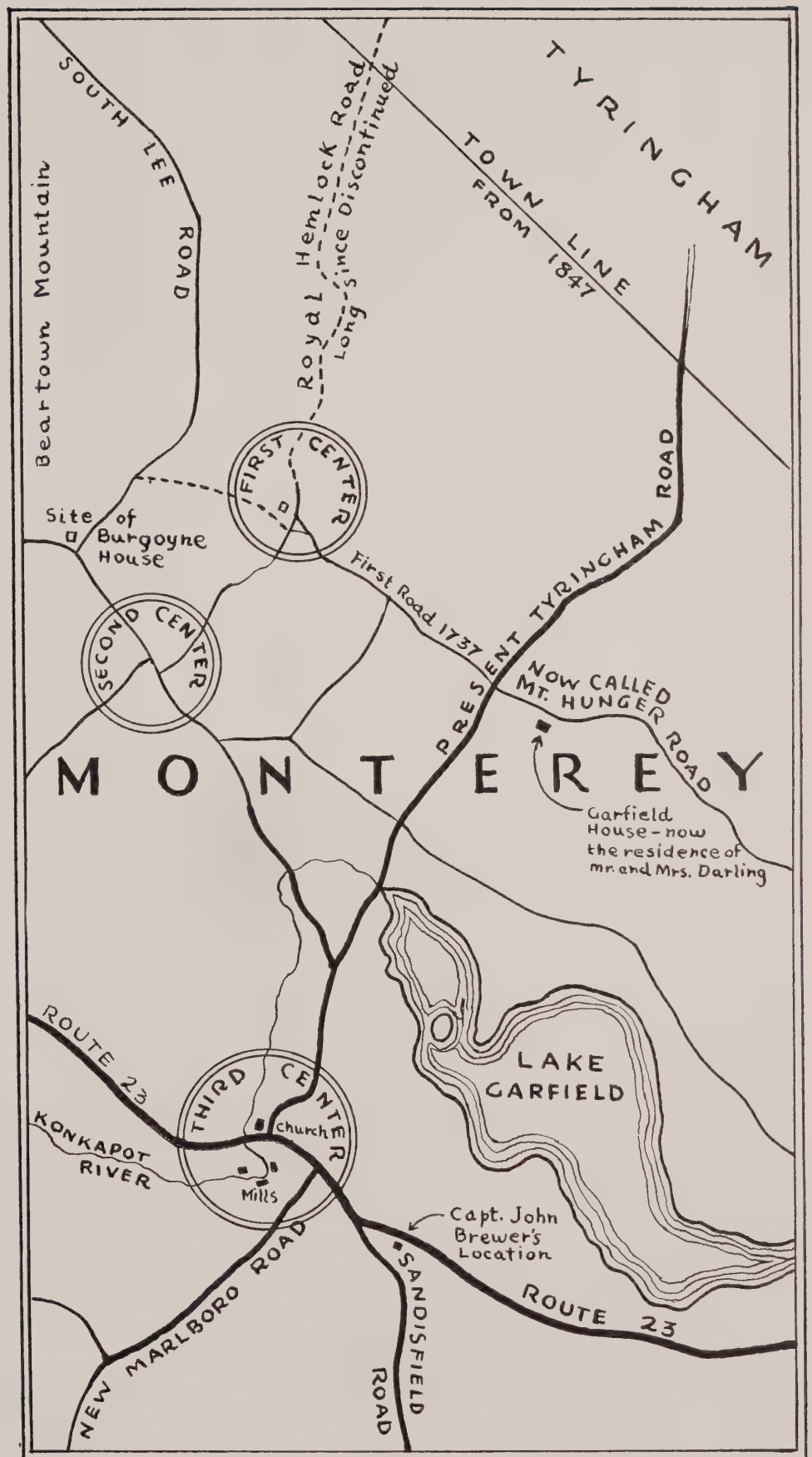
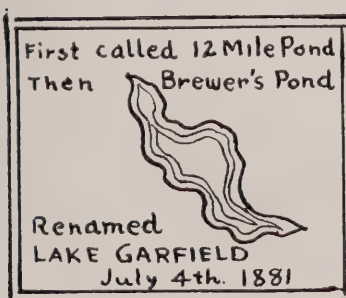
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rant violation of Christ's Golden Rule, that the participator in it who has been sufficiently enlightened on the subject, cannot be a consistent Christian." Along with the awakening of the local conscience to this fact, came tales of trouble in a far-away place called Texas. Presently, young men were marching off to war again, heading south to a land that seemed, in the Berkshires, further away than Europe.

In the next months, the whole nation was aflame with excitement generated in strangely foreign-sounding places—Los Alamos, Palo Alto, Cerro Gordo—Monterey. Now, in 1847, the time had come to incorporate the town. Bangall was a careless nickname, South Tyringham seemed to belong to the old place on the hill. Patriotism and elation over the sudden expansion of the nation, generated the idea of naming the now formally established community in honor of one of the recent victories. The Battle of Monterey was chosen—but the reason why the extra "r" was dropped has been lost in the mists of time. Perhaps, at the last moment "Monterey" seemed less foreign, more related to the Anglo-Saxon beginnings of the community from which the great-grandsons of the pioneers did not want to remove themselves too far.

Monterey has been a temperance town and it was principally due to the continued efforts of the Lodge of Good Templars, organized in 1868. In 1883 the town voted "no license" with one dissenting vote, and the following year made it unanimous.

In 1868 there were attending school a total of about one hundred fifty scholars and Monterey had nine schools. Martin V. Thomson served as a member of the school board at this time for a period of twenty years.

Through the Civil War and for a decade or so afterward, Monterey experienced a comfortable, prosperous

two-way growth. The farms burgeoned, produced bountifully under their hard-working squires. Dairying had become a major project and at one time Monterey produced more cheeses than any other community in the county. Nor was mass production the only aim. Their flavor and delicacy were known in New York and Washington.

Along the banks of the river there were a paper mill, cotton and lumber mills, and more specialized industries. Monterey led all the towns in the Berkshires for its participation in the fur industry, also. Then, the transportation picture changed. The railroad was built along the Housatonic, and the factories and mills gradually followed. The industrial life of Monterey died.

By the time it had come to an end, another phase in the life of the Berkshires was in full swing in Stockbridge, Lenox and Pittsfield. The wealthy and fashionable had found the country to their liking. Money was poured into lavish estates and fabulous buildings. Inevitably, they were followed by the less wealthy and the less fashionable who went to hotels and boarding houses. Monterey was slower, and in many ways more fortunate in acquiring its summer colony.

Nobody built a private zoo on the shores of Brewer's Pond—which, in 1881, two days before he was assassinated, had been renamed in honor of President Garfield. There were no tally-ho coaches and uniformed footmen, but the people who came to live for peaceful summer months in the country which had so reminded poor Lord Howe of his homeland, were, for the most part, quiet, earnest citizens engaged in various professions and arts. Their children and grandchildren are still coming back where, across the hills, the private zoos have fallen into ruin and the coachmen in breeches are no more.

Visitors who come for the first time to Monterey, who are enchanted with the church, the old houses, the Inn, the general air of time put back, are inclined to



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call it "quaint". To the more serious, it gives a satisfying feeling of continuity with the American past, of touching hands with values and integrities which we need today in a desperately troubled world. But no matter how it may look, even here, time does not stand still.

In the last Town Meeting there was discussion of a new school house for a future generation. Refugees from the mad tension of the big cities, are building new

houses, or restoring old ones. Just lately, young men have come back to Monterey from another war. They have seen a good deal of the world, but this is where they want their roots. They are trying new methods of farming with the tired old soil from which Captain Brewer and Lieut. Garfield, and Isaac Slaton and John Chadwick, cleared the primal forest and the untouched thicket two centuries ago.

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## Steamboat on Lake Buel

In the Centennial year of 1876 the Deerstine brothers, James and Peter, who operated a machine shop in Hartsville set to work on building the boat shown. William B. Gibson, a lumber man supplied the lumber for the boat and became the largest stockholder in the little so-called corporation. The Steamer gradually took shape the following spring and was launched during the summer, from Gibson's Grove.

The steamer was constructed on the catamaran style with a double hull and a paddle wheel at the stern in between the two hulls. The steam power was supplied by a wood burning furnace and boiler, and it took a few hours steady firing to build up a steam head sufficient to move the paddle wheel. The steamer drew so much water that it could only move down the center of the lake and then only at a rate of about five miles an hour. The regular run was from Gibson's grove to Turner's Landing.

However, the Steamer was lots of fun and sailed down the lake with quite a flourish. On its initial trip the band was on the top deck and played vigorously. Fifty to seventy-five passengers could be accommodated on board, and had the steamer been



able to go faster, it would have presented quite a triumphal passage. The catamaran operated for about ten years until one fateful day, when it went up in a blaze of glory at Turner's Landing.

*From Berkshire County Eagle, May 20, 1880*

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## Monterey

Last Saturday morning the ground was white with frost, which killed many early plants.—Milton Judd has been quite sick, but is now able to be about again.—I saw in your columns two weeks ago that the Monterey tobacco raisers had sold their crop at a small price. Notwithstanding this news Mr. Week, as usual, will try his four acres and other single acres are being got in readiness.—Apple trees are loading

with blossoms and if the frost has not killed them fruit will be in abundance next fall.—Most of the farmers have their oats planted, and some have finished planting corn and potatoes, but a little rain would be very acceptable as we have had none for two weeks.—C. S. Bunce raised a barn last Saturday, an old fashioned frame building.

F.

*From Berkshire County Eagle, May 20, 1880.*

# MONTEREY POEMS *By Margery Mansfield*

*From Her Next Book "A Berkshire Settler"*

## CONTENTMENT

Here am I, in my little farmhouse,  
Paring apples, in the lamplight,  
While, outside, a wind is rising;  
It is autumn, but my world is right.

In the town, are redder apples,  
In the town, are brighter lights,  
But Want, too—Want stalks the city,  
Terror walks the streets by night.  
Minds are restless with the question,  
"In what orbits are we whirled?  
What is changing? What is coming?  
What has happened to our world?"

I know season follows season.  
This is autumn; but my world is right—  
I, within my little farmhouse,  
Paring apples, in the lamplight.

—*Epworth Herald*

## OPENING THE ROAD

"I said, 'Here comes the plow—or scow, I'd call it—  
Butting the snow above it, like white foam.'  
No, no—we've not been snowbound. We have skis,  
Strike out across the fields like Jesus on water.  
If I talk Bible, please take no offense.  
Staying here all winter with no books,  
Or none we have not read, has thrown us on  
The books that somehow don't exhaust the subject  
The white of snowfields and the white of  
It is not strange one thinks of them together  
But curious how we only read the best  
When there is nothing worse that we can get!

Often, on the snowshoes, I have felt  
The snow to be much deeper than it is;  
For were it ocean-deep, full of white coral  
And ivory caves, it still would have a top.  
But it's a trick to balance pails of water  
Walking on snowshoes. Listen to me talk!  
You understand we've had no visitors.  
Excuse the house—that's what I minded most:  
Not having any call to fix it up.  
A house that has no guests is never ready.  
Lonely? Not exactly. We've each other,  
And, for a woman, a man can fill a house.

At first I thought that I was in good luck,  
Released from women's standards and quick eyes.  
A man is such a fountain of good-nature,  
And since to him our work has no importance,  
I soon relaxed and took it cheerful, too.

But one can grow a bit too like a man,  
Losing the little difference that is all  
We have to build a world that's in two colors.  
And I am hungry now for women again.  
Even in summer, few get up our road.  
It is a bit forbidding. Could you speak  
A word about it? Say no salesmen call.  
Considering our purse, that's just as well.  
But make a road for women, let them come,  
Full of charming patter, pretty ways,  
Or I may end by asking daisies in."

—*Spirit; A Magazine of Poetry*

## FLOWER LIKE A STAR

Flower that is shaped like a star, do you not  
Know that a star gives light,  
And that you are only a flower and cannot  
Sparkle across the night?

"I know," said the bloom, "and all of my days  
Are less than an astral hour;  
But by trying to be a star I become  
A little bit more of a flower."

—*The Sign*

## LET VIOLINS REMEMBER

Let violins remember hills are lonely  
And many we have loved have gone away!  
When the fall is here, the frosty air,  
Early dusk and night before our supper,  
The lamplight, shining from the window, finds  
A solitude of night too deep for tears.

We do our chores; feed grunting hogs. But if  
A violin should sob across the night,  
Even a man might feel the place is lonely  
And everything he loves will go away.  
Let violins remember, when they play,  
Nor sing the sad sweet strains that break the heart.  
(Perhaps in lighted halls—not in our hills.)

Here, finger swift the reels that tell of summer,  
My arm around my darling in the dance,  
Or winter firelight jumping on the wall,  
Here let them play the little tunes that prance!  
Let fiddlers not be siding with the autumn,  
With birds flown south and people gone away!  
Let violins remember hills are lonely,  
And use a little judgment when they play.

—*Washington Evening Star*



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*(Berkshire Settler)*

This land is lovelier than any dream  
I ever dreamed a land could be;  
I make it mine now, and its hand  
Is on my heart to welcome me.  
Its hills are flowered; red and blue  
With berries, and its trees are gnarled;  
Beneath their fruit, the brush is snarled  
With points of seedling pine-trees coming through.  
Its grass is long and riotous and pearly  
With morning dew.  
Stone ledges drip with pure delight—but only  
It is not the land my childhood knew.  
I shall go always lonely  
For dune and darkest wood, and whitest sand,  
Nets floating in grey water, greyer skies,  
I shall go always lonely for that land.  
Here nothing starts within me to remember

How hills were stripped and frosted in the fall,  
And climbed in awe by a silent girl and boy,  
How death and grief came troubling to a child.  
This fruit will be as luscious in September,  
This land will be as wild  
Without the pain;  
So it is well I never shall go home again.

Gone, gone forever, is my father's house—in ashes.  
The forest felled and axed,  
The land so marred.  
The lightning leaps as wildly, but its flashes  
No more can show the heavens twigged and barred.  
So by that ax, my memory is scarred . . .

But here the woods forget, return with glee,  
Rejoicing in the softly dripping weather.  
O wilderness, we two return together!  
May I forget a stormy inland sea!

—*Margery Mansfield.*



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## REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Practically every able bodied man in the town of (South Tyringham) now Monterey fought in the Revolutionary War, but a list here would require too much space. However, we can give a partial list of the more prominent citizens who participated. Among those you will find the following:

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Alijah Merrell	William Hale
William Bentle	Isaac Garfield
Amos Mansfield	Amos Northrup
Giles Jackson	Samuel Graves
Joshua Warrin	Stephen Taylor
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